

Dear Chairman Powell and Concerned Parties:

I am writing today to express my disappointment with your decision to do away with what little regulation exists to maintain controls on potential media monopolies.

You may not be aware of it, but a substantial number of media analysts and political commentators believe very strongly that cross-ownership of mass media in a single market and overt media monopolies in no way aid the media consumer; rather, such measures promote a "mono-media" environment, where there is very little variety in news reporting, and often, a race to the bottom as profit margins are skewed in one direction. Put simply, news gathering suffers, while big business prospers.

As the editor of a student newspaper, I urge you to do the right thing and consider the best interests of the men and women who work in my chosen field, rather than the pocketbooks of their paymasters.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely -

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